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SUBJECT: USDOC EXPORT PROMOTION ADVISORY SERVICES

REF: STATE 196223

1. BEFORE DISCUSSING POTENTIAL EXPORT PROMOTION SERVICES WITH GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON HOW THESE SERVICES (E.G., TRANSPORTATION COSTS, PER DIEM, ETC.) MIGHT BE FUNDED.

2. ISSUE HERE IS SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE. WHILE GOTT CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR ANY SERVICES RENDERED, FACT THAT THIS IS A PUBLICLY-ANNOUNCED INITIATIVE BY SECRETARY OF STATE SUGGESTS THAT USG IS DONOR OF THESE SERVICES. THERE IS OF COURSE NO AID PROGRAM IN TRINIDAD WHICH COULD ASSIST IN FUNDING.

3. GOTT DOES HAVE RELATIVELY ACTIVE EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM OPERATING UNDER AUSPICES OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. DESPITE FAVORABLE B/P POSITION FROM OIL EARNINGS, HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT HERE ARGUES FOR INCREASED EXPORTS IN LIGHT MANUFACTURES, NOT NECESSARILY TO US. THUS WE BELIEVE TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES WOULD BE WELCOMED HERE.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTL, CAN EMBASSY SUGGEST TIE-IN HERE WITH ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS IN OCTOBER SEMINARS IN BRAZIL? IF SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED

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AND BACKGROUND OF USDOC SPEAKERS PARTICIPATING. STOPOVER

IN TRINIDAD MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMAL COST, THUS
SKIRTING FUNDING PROBLEM RAISED ABOVE.
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